

## Chairman's report June 26<sup>th</sup> 2019

- The Stansted Mountfitchet Draft Neighbourhood Plan has been sent to UDC for review and comment prior to finalisation for public consultation. The UDC Local Plan is scheduled for inspection in July this year – we understand the Inspector has requested confirmation that given the change in administration at UDC – it continues to be supported. We believe that Cllr John Lodge has until Friday 28 June to confirm.
- Our meeting with Kemi Badenoch MP and Cllr John Spence and Dr Mike Gogarty at the House of Commons did not move us any further forward to achieve our objective of a second pharmacy in the Stansted South Ward. We have not yet received the notes of the meeting -but Dr. Gogarty remains unsupportive to issuing a revised statement to the PNA – as he believes our needs have not changed – and we continue to promote that our needs have not been appropriately assessed. It was agreed to consider what other options may be available to move this issue forward – we await a further meeting to address this issue. In the meantime – Petrina lees is now the Chair of the Uttlesford Health and Wellbeing Board and I have contacted her to enlist the support of the new local board in this endeavour.
- We await the outcome of the ECC Cabinet meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup> in relation to the Library Strategy. Members of the Stansted library Working Group met last week with Cllr Light whose UDC portfolio includes Libraries. We explained the history and current position with the library and all the additional support services planned for the Exchange. She is keen to support ourselves and the Thaxted Libraries and is exploring funding options with UDC, and is co-ordinating a joint meeting of all stakeholders prior to July 23<sup>rd</sup> and the final decision outcome. We are also discussing ECC's promotion for expressions of interest in setting up a Community Library later in this meeting.
- 4 residents made their way to Rungis for their annual celebrations and were hosted by local families, entertained at the town's barbecue and were accompanied on visits in the area- the visit was a huge success. The Twinning Association has written to all the families of the school children

attending our schools to help boost our numbers available to host our French friends when they come to Stansted.